

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently amended) A process for laminating a textile sheet material to a foamed particle molding prepared by molding foamable polymer beads in a closed mold, to form a laminated textile and foamed particle molding, said process comprising at least one of a) - c):
- a)i) applying a pulverulent solid adhesive to a textile sheet material to provide an adhesive-containing textile sheet material, and
 - a)ii) contacting said adhesive-containing textile sheet material with a previously molded foamed particle molding, and
 - a)iii) heating to fuse and optionally crosslink said solid adhesive;
 - b)i) applying a pulverulent solid adhesive to a textile sheet material to form an adhesive-containing textile sheet material,
 - b)ii) introducing said adhesive-containing textile sheet material into a mold,
 - b)iii) introducing foamable polymer beads into said mold adjacent said adhesive-containing textile sheet, and
 - b)iv) applying heat to foam said foamable polymer beads and to fuse and optionally crosslink said solid adhesive; and
 - c)i) applying a pulverulent solid adhesive between a previously molded foamed particle molding and a textile sheet material, and

c)ii) heating to fuse and optionally crosslink said solid adhesive,

whereby said textile sheet material is adhesively bonded to said foamed particle molding, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a copolymer of 0.01 to 25 weight percent of one or more ethylenically unsaturated monomers bearing at least one carboxyl group, and at least one monomer from the group of vinyl esters, acrylates, methacrylates, and vinyl aromatics, and vinyl chloride, and wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive has a T_g of about 30°C or higher, and is free of crosslinker compounds.

17. (Previously presented) The process of claim 16 wherein said process comprises steps b)i) to b)iv).

18. (Previously presented) The process of claim 16, wherein said process comprises steps a)i) to a)iii).

19. (Previously presented) The process of claim 16, further comprising applying said pulverulent solid adhesive to a textile sheet material and sintering said pulverulent solid adhesive particles to said textile sheet material prior to steps a)ii) and/or b)ii).

20. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19 wherein said sintering takes place at a temperature of from 150°C to 180°C.

21. (Previously presented) The process of claim 16, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a polyvinyl acetate copolymer.

22. (Previously presented) The process of claim 16, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a copolymer comprising moieties derived from styrene and acrylate(s) or methacrylate(s) of C₁₋₁₅ alcohol(s).

23. (Previously presented) The process of claim 17, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a copolymer comprising moieties derived from styrene and acrylate(s) or methacrylate(s) of C₁₋₁₅ alcohol(s).

24. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a polyvinylacetate copolymer.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently amended) The process of claim 16, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a copolymer selected from the group consisting of copolymers of vinyl acetate and other non-vinyl acetate vinyl esters; ~~copolymers of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate;~~ copolymers of vinyl acetate and at least one of acrylates and methacrylates; and copolymers of styrene and acrylates; each of the copolymers containing 0.01 to 25 weight percent moieties derived from ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acids.

27. (Previously presented) The process of claim 16, wherein said adhesive has a T_g above 55°C.

28. (Currently amended) The process of claim 16, wherein said foamed particle molding is prepared by foaming expandable polystyrene beads, expandable polyphenylene oxide beads, expandable polyethylene beads, or expendable polypropylene beads.

29. (Currently amended) A process for laminating a textile sheet material to a foamed particle molding prepared by molding foamable polymer beads in a closed mold, to form a laminated textile and foamed particle molding, said process comprising at least one of a). - c):

a)i) applying a pulverulent solid adhesive to a textile sheet material to provide an adhesive-containing textile sheet material, and

- a)ii) contacting said adhesive-containing textile sheet material with a previously molded foamed particle molding, and
- a)iii) heating to fuse and optionally crosslink said solid adhesive;
- b)i) applying a pulverulent solid adhesive to a textile sheet material to form an adhesive-containing textile sheet material,
- b)ii) introducing said adhesive-containing textile sheet material into a mold,
- b)iii) introducing foamable polymer beads into said mold adjacent said adhesive-containing textile sheet, and
- b)iv) applying heat to foam said foamable polymer beads and to fuse and optionally crosslink said solid adhesive; and
- c)i) applying a pulverulent solid adhesive between a previously molded foamed particle molding and a textile sheet material, and
- c)ii) heating to fuse and optionally crosslink said solid adhesive,

whereby said textile sheet material is adhesively bonded to said foamed particle molding, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive comprises a copolymer of 0.01 to 25 weight percent of one or more ethylenically unsaturated monomers bearing at least one carboxyl group, and at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters, acrylates, methacrylates, and vinyl aromatics, and vinyl chloride; wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive has a T_g of about 30°C or higher, and wherein said laminated textile and foamed particle molding is resistant to delamination at temperatures above 80°C, and is free of crosslinker compounds.

30. (Previously presented) The process of claim 29, wherein said pulverulent solid adhesive is a styrene and butylacrylate copolymer.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Previously presented) The process of claim 29, wherein said solid pulverulent adhesive is a methyl methacrylate and butyl acrylate copolymer.

33.-37. (Cancelled).

38. (New) The process of claim 16, wherein a solid adhesive consists essentially of a copolymer of alkyl(meth)acrylate monomer(s), unsaturated carboxylic acid-functional monomer(s), and optionally contains from 0.01 to 10% by weight based on the total weight of the adhesive, of one or more comonomers selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated carboxamides, ethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids, comonomers with more than one ethylenic unsaturation per molecule, N-methylol (meth)acrylamide, and alkyl ethers of N-methylol (meth)acrylamide.

39. (New) The process of claim 16, wherein a solid adhesive consists essentially of a copolymer of styrene, one or more alkyl (meth)acrylate monomers, unsaturated carboxylic acid-functional monomer(s) and optionally contains from 0.01 to 10% by weight based on the total weight of the adhesive, of one or more comonomers selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated carboxamides, ethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids, comonomers with more than one ethylenic unsaturation per molecule, N-methylol (meth)acrylamide, and alkyl ethers of N-methylol (meth)acrylamide.

40. (New) The process of claim 16, wherein said foamed particle molding is selected from the group consisting of automotive side impact cushions, automotive knee impact cushions, headrests, sunvisors, parcel shelves, bumpers, and surfboards.